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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon. Katharine S. Hayden
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v.	:	Cr. No. 08-662
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JOHN E. HOWARD	:	
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	:	<u>CONTINUANCE ORDER</u>

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Randall H. Cook, Assistant U.S. Attorney) and defendant John E. Howard (by K. Anthony Thomas, Esq.) for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations and attempt to finalize a plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have the matter tried before a grand jury within seventy days of his arrest pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1), and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived such right, and for good cause shown,

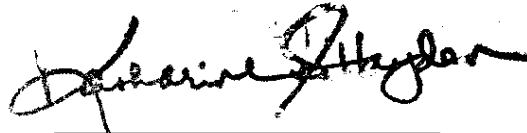
IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- i. Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to finalize a plea agreement, which would render trial of this matter unnecessary;
- ii. The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources;
- iii. Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial;

WHEREFORE, on this 14 day of October 2008,

IT IS ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued from October 8, 2008 through November 30, 2008; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from October 8, 2008 through November 30, 2008, shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8).

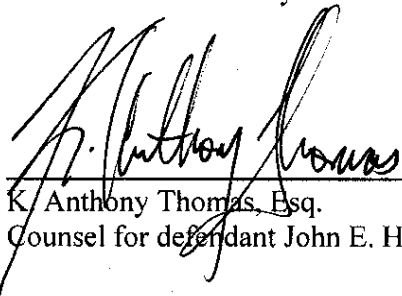


Hon. Katharine S. Hayden  
United States District Judge

Form and entry  
consented to:



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